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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MCMILLAN ET AL.

Examiner

Guiyoung Lee

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-16 and 18-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Prelim./Amdt.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment filed 02/28/2005.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see the REMARKS, filed 02/28/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Whitehurst et al. (US 6,468,439 B1) and Kamada et al. (US 6,331,053). Applicant has overcome the Examiner's rejection by showing that the subject matter of the reference to Achari et al. and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. See MPEP § 706.02(l)(1) and § 706.02(l)(2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitehurst et al. (US 6,468,439 B1) in view of Kamada et al. (USPT 6,331,063 B1).
Re claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-23: Whitehurst discloses a reflective circuit board and a method for forming an aperture in a circuit board, said method comprising a step of providing a layered

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metal substrate having tri-metal layers such as copper/aluminum/copper layers (col. 7, lines 24+), applying a layer of masking material on a surface of top metal layer of said layered metal substrate; exposing said layered metal substrate to an etching process; removing said masking material from said top metal layer of said layered metal substrate to expose opening areas of said layered metal substrate (col. 7, lines 24++). Whitehurst does not disclose the opening area is reflective portion or aperture. Further, Whitehurst does not disclose a light source and a method of positioning the light source in the reflective aperture. However, Kamada teaches that an LED (1) is mounted in the dents (11) of the substrate (10). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to mount a light source such as an LED on Whitehurst's opening aperture as Kamada taught since it was known in the art that LED chip have been mounted on a substrate.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: With regard to claim 4, although the prior art of record disclose a reflective aperture on a layered metal substrate, the prior art of record fails to disclose a step of coating the reflective portion with a substance to provide specific reflectivity levels. Further, with regard to claim 17, the prior art of record fails to disclose a reflective coating on the non-planar surfaces of the aluminum layer.

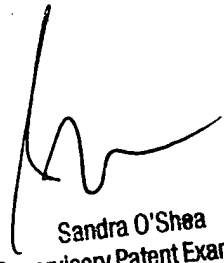
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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